



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at **9:08 a.m. on February 28, 2019** in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Edward Polkenhorn, Katrina Guitierrez and Maryann McGovran (11:15 a.m.) Gary Walker was absent.

Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – CAO

Teri Haggard – CFO

Christina McDonald – EPD Director

Tawanish Lavell – ICWA

Ron Williams – Store Manager

Lou Beihn – Enrollment Committee

Carol Coronado – Enrollment Committee

Rose Cobb – Enrollment Committee

Fred Beihn – Tribal Citizen

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc. 3/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of February 21, 2019. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 3/0/0

VI. New Business

a) Gary Nicholes – CAO

1. Seneca Tobacco Products

A discussion was held regarding the prices of the tobacco products, during the discussion Tribal Council agreed to expand the hours of operation by having the store open on Mondays starting Monday March 4, 2019.

2. Snow Plow

Mr. Nicholes reported that roads program can cover it but IHA Director, Paul Irwin stated that it would cut into the staffing needs and that IHA does not have a plow. Mr. Nicholes also stated that the priorities would have to be set about what roads would have to be done first, etc. Mr. Nicholes reported that details need to be worked out further.

3. Administrative Assistant

Mr. Nicholes reported that interviews were held last week and suggested to wait for a few more weeks.

At this time, Tribal Council, Gary Nicholes, and Teri Haggard held a conference call with Cyndi Ferguson, Pitt, and Gary Leva @ 10:00 a.m.

b) Christina McDonald – EPD Director

1. Fresno City College NAGPRA

Ms. McDonald stated that NFR already claimed the sites along fine gold a few years ago and doesn't understand why they are now being interested in the sites. Ms. McDonald suggested to send a letter to Bob Pennell explaining that NFR already claimed the sites. No matter what, the main thing is to get the ancestors back in their resting place.

c) David Falls – TANF Director

1. Madera Food Bank Letter

By consensus, Tribal Council approved the letter thanking them for the assistance.

2. Letter to citizens

By consensus, Tribal Council approved the letter to mail out to the citizens explain TANF events and how all tribal citizens are able to attend.

VII. Unfinished Business

a) Secretary Guitierrez

1. Tribal ID's

Tribal Council chose an I.D. Card for the NFR's use.

2. After Care Meeting Report

Secretary Guitierrez gave an update on the meeting was held on 02/27/19 at the Fresno American Indian Health Project in Fresno, CA. Secretary Guitierrez stated that it was a very good turnout and lots of good information about the after-care of those who leave rehabilitation and need further services.

b) Treasurer McGovran

1. Constitution Workshop

Treasurer McGovran suggested having Elisa set up a lap top with all the documents so the group can work efficiently. Tribal Council decided to wait until letters of interest are received.

2. Fiscal Office

Treasurer McGovran requested that the fiscal outside door be locked again due to unauthorized personnel going in and harassing the fiscal personnel.

Tribal Council took a break @ 11:15 a.m.

Tribal Council resumed @ 11:56

Treasurer McGovran motioned to go into executive session @ 11:57 a.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

a) *ICWA*

Mrs. Lavell gave an update on cases.

b) *Development Contract*

Tribal Council discussed a tribal citizen request.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to come out of executive session @ 12:21 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Enrollment Committee

Ms. Cobb reported that they are getting ready to send a letter to those citizens that need documentation in their files. A discussion was held regarding social security cards and how some files are missing them, but with the letter, they will be given a deadline date to submit a social security card failure to comply, will result in holding of the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) check until further notice. The Committee stated that the deadline will be 90 days.

After much discussion about bad addresses it was agreed to put a list of names in the newsletter of those who need current addresses and for it to be a continuous thing until citizen are reached to update their addresses.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to amend the enrollment statute with the addition of social security card in section 4.02 (b) Social Security Card. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

A discussion was also held about having no signatures on the original applications and for those that live out of the area, a copy of the signature page would have to be sent and returned so that it can be attached with the original.

A discussion was held about the historical citizens and whether or not they are required to fall under the same statutes as those who have been enrolled since enrollment has been open. After further discussion, it was found that the historical citizen do not, but that it would be a good idea to send a letter as a courtesy, if documents are missing.

IX. Mail / Travel

a) *Citizen of Year Dinner*

Treasurer McGovran motioned to purchase ten tickets @ 15.00 for a total of \$150.00.

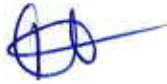
Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

X. Next Meeting Date – March 14, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn motioned to adjourn @ 1:09 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 03/01/19



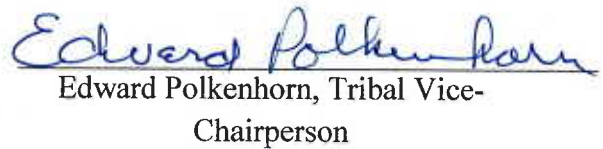
COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **14th** day of **March, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **4 For 0 Against 0** Abstaining.

DATED this **18th** day of **March, 2019**.



Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary



Edward Polkenhorn, Tribal Vice-
Chairperson